

Final Meeting Notes  
LCR MSCP Steering Committee Conference Call  
June 28, 2017

Attending Via Conference Call

Bert Bell	Perri Benemelis	Dee Bradshaw
Doug Bonamici	Scott Bryan	Linda Carbone
Ron Derma	Karen Donovan	Brett Esslin
Maureen George	Jessica Gwinn	Jayne Harkins
Chris Hayes	Ned Hyduke	Vineetha Kartha
Jimmy Knowles	Bill Lamb	Kara Mathews
Jessica Neuwerth	Vic Nguyen	Peggy Roefer
Sara Price	Carrie Ronning	Seth Shanahan
Stevie Sharp	Laura Simonek	Joe Sims
John Swett	Dale Turner	Ruth Valencia
Laura Vecerina	David Vigil	Doyle Wilson

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Introductions

The conference call was convened at 9:30 a.m. by John Swett. There were self-introductions of all attending. Perri Benemelis chaired the meeting.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Approve April 26, 2017 Meeting Notes

The April 26, 2017 meeting notes were approved. (Moved by Bill Lamb, seconded by Vineetha Kartha and adopted by consensus).

**NORTHERN MEXICAN GARTERSNAKE**

John reviewed Resolution 17-003 *LCR MSCP HCP Amendment – Addition of Northern Mexican Gartersnake*. John noted that letters had gone out to all Permittees and Parties to the LCR MSCP Implementing Agreement (IA) by May 31, 2017 notifying them that the resolution was intended to serve as an agreement of the Permittees and Parties to the IA to: authorize and direct the

Steering Committee Chair, acting on behalf of the Permittees, to submit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), a request for an amendment to the section 10(a)(1)(B) Permit (Permit) to add the northern Mexican gartersnake, and to acknowledge that if the amended Permit terms and conditions were substantially similar to the proposed amendment, no Permittee or Party of the IA objects to the Resolution. John noted that no comments or objections were received by any Permittee or Party.

The Steering Committee approved Resolution 17-003 by consensus (moved by Maureen George, seconded by Doyle Wilson). The resolution directed the Steering Committee Chair, acting on behalf of the Permittees, to request an amendment to the Permit by submitting a Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form and all necessary documentation thereof, including the Draft HCP Amendment, to the USFWS. It also noted that the Permittees and Parties to the IA accepted the amended Permit, provided that the amended permit terms and conditions were substantially similar to the proposed amendment of the HCP.

John Swett reviewed the reconsultation steps and associated timeline. He noted that the processing of the Federal Register documents at the Washington D.C. level may take some time. It was requested that the dates for publication, once they are known, be sent out to the Steering Committee.

## **WORK PLAN AND BUDGET**

### Final Implementation Report, FY2018 Work Plan and Budget, FY 2016 Accomplishment Report

John Swett provided an overview of the Final Implementation Report. He noted that there were not a lot of changes from the draft to the final report. The requested approval amount for the FY18 Work Plan is \$33,496,740.

### Resolution 17-004 “Review and Recommendation FY2018 Work Plan and Budget, FY2016 Accomplishment Report”

Move that the LCR MSCP Steering Committee approve, by consensus, the *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2018 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2016 Accomplishment Report* for \$33,496,740 and encourage the LCR MSCP Program Manager to submit the approved Final Implementation Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for consistency review (Moved by Jayne Harkins, seconded by Vineetha Kartha, and approved by consensus).

## **STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

John noted that the next Work Group meeting is scheduled for September 27th and that the next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25th. Both meetings will be held in Las Vegas. Seth Shanahan discussed how informative a tour of the Lake Mead and Willow Beach

Fish Hatcheries had been and encouraged Reclamation to schedule a tour of them for the Steering Committee.

### **SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**

The Steering Committee took action on three items.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 am